

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helmick, cherished residents of Harrisonville, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on December 21, 2003, with a festive celebration to be held at the Harrisonville Heights Community Center; and

Whereas, it was on December 22, 1938, that Fred G. Helmick took the hand of his beautiful bride, Lucille Hiler, and together they were joined in marriage during a memorable wedding ceremony in Olathe, Kansas; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband who dutifully served his country in the United States Army under General George Patton during World War II and received two Bronze Stars and various other medals, Mr. Helmick provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of gainful employment as a foundry core maker, molder, foreman, locker manager, meat cutter, and chief engineer at Cass Medical Hospital, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with American Legion Post #42, the Sixteenth Armored Division Association, and VFW Post 4409, of which he is a life member; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Helmick enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a meat wrapper at the Harrisonville locker plant; and

Whereas, proud parents and devoted grandparents who derive a tremendous amount of satisfaction from gardening and collecting antiques, Fred and Lucille Helmick have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their two daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Wayne Cobb and Janice and Jack Harper; and spoiling their granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Kathy and Traey Lambertz, and their great-granddaughters, Ashley and Erin; and

Whereas, Fred and Lucille Helmick often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their sixty-five years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixty-sixth year of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Fred and Lucille Helmick upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helmick, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____

Representative Rex Rector

District No. 124

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4894, adopted December 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker